



**PROVISIONAL AGENDA
NGO INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLES
ON
THE UN-ECE BEIJING +15 REGIONAL REVIEW MEETING**



*«THE CHALLENGES OF GENDER EQUALITY IN THE CONTEXT
OF THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRISIS»*

**Venue: Maison des Associations
15, rue des Savoises, 1204 Geneva**

30 - 31 October 2009 – GENEVA, Switzerland

Friday 30th October

From 8h30

Registration In situ

10h00 – 11h00 OPENING SESSION PLENARY ROOM: CARSON + GANDHI

Opening by Chair, Ms. Conchita Poncini, Convener of the NGO-CSW- Working Group on Women in Employment and Economics of Gender

Highlights of Main Issues and Challenges in the ECE Region by Mr. Patrice Robineau, Senior Adviser to the ECE Executive Secretary

Organization of work by Ms. Hillevi Perraudin, Organizing Coordinator

11h00– 13h00 UNIFEM & Global Policy Forum: “Teach-in” on Gender and Macroeconomics

13h00 – 14h30 Lunch break

14h30 – 16h00 PLENARY: Responsibility of the Corporate Sector, Mainstreaming Gender Equality in Economic and Financial Policy

Dr Angeline Low, Expert to OECD

Ms. Yvonne Sala-Kleiner, Human Resources Development IBM Consultant Switzerland

Questions and Answers

16h00 – 18h00 Interactive discussions on the Free Caucus themes:

G.1 – (a) Care Economy, Unpaid Work and Decent Work (social security protection, maternal/parental leave and reconciling work and family responsibilities);
ROOM Mahatma GANDHI.

Moderator – Conchita Poncini; Rapporteur -

G.2 – (a) Displaced women, Migration and Trafficking; *ROOM Chico MENDES.*

Moderator: Joyce Jett; Rapporteur – Lois Herman

G.3 – (a) Employability, Education and Training (b) Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) ; *ROOM Aung San SUU KYI.*

Moderator-Allida Black; Rapporteur – Heinke Mensch

G.4 - (a) Human Rights and Responsibilities: *ROOM Steve BIKO*

Moderator-Elly Pradervand; Rapporteurs- Caitlin Jayne Jurman, Heidi Bombrisk

18h15 – 19h30

Welcome drinks offered by the «Conseil d’Etat de la République et Canton de Genève» represented by Ms Fabienne Bugnon, Director of the Cantonal Office of Human Rights.

Saturday 31st October

- 9h30 – 11h00 Continuation of Interactive discussions on the Free Caucus themes:**
- G.1 – (a) Macro Economics and Gender Budgeting:
Moderator- Tatiana Isoo **Rapporteur-**
 (b) Care Economy, Unpaid Work and Decent Work continued if necessary -
 ROOM Mahatma GANDHI
- G.2 – (a) Minorities
 ROOM Rachel CARSON
Moderator: Rosy Weiss **Rapporteur-**
 b) Displaced women, Migration and Trafficking – continued if necessary;
- G.3 – (a) Environment and Climate Change:
Moderator- Ilona Graenitz **Rapporteur-Arielle Wagenknecht**
 (b) Education; (c) Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) -
 if necessary; ROOM Aung San SUU KYI
Moderator: Allida Black **Rapporteur- Heinke Mensch**
- G.4 – (a) the New Gender Architecture and one UN entity on Women:
Moderator/Facilitators/Rapporteur-Margot Baruch, June Zeitlin, Cecile Greboval
 (b) Human Rights and Civil Responsibilities – continued if necessary;
 ROOM Steve BIKO
- 11h00 -13h00 Drafting of Recommendations from the 4 Regional Caucuses Specific to the Respective Concerns from their Sub-Regions**
- Sub-Region 1: South East Europe: ROOM S. BIKO
Moderator – **Rapporteur:**
- Sub-Region 2: Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia: ROOM M. GANDHI
Moderator - Kinga Lohmann **Rapporteur:**
- Sub-Region 3: Western EU Countries: ROOM R. CARSON
Moderator – Myria Vassiliadou **Rapporteur-**
- Sub-Region 4: US, Canada and other high-income countries: ROOM A.S. SUU KYI
Moderator June Zeitlin **Rapporteur- Margot Baruch**
- 13h00 –14h30 Lunch break
- 14h30–15h30 PLENARY: “Building Partnerships, Networks and Alliances to Promote Gender Equality” ROOM CARSON + GANDHI**
- Presentations by European NGO networks:
 East/West Women Activists – WIDE, KARAT (**Kinga Lohmann**).

CONGO Geneva NGO CSW (**Conchita Poncini**); EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LOBBY **Brigitte Triems**; US CEDAW Coaliton, the GEAR campaign and NY CONGO CSW.(**June Zeitlin**)

Questions and Answers

15h30-16h00 *Coffee break*

16h00–18h30 **CLOSING PLENARY SESSION** ROOM CARSON + GANDHI
Recommendations of Interactive Thematic Issues(Free Caucuses)
Recommendations on Major Concerns Specific to the four Sub-Regional Caucuses
Review and Adoption of the Draft Conclusions to be conveyed to the Intergovernmental Meeting

Violence Against Women and the Role of Men and Boys. cut across all caucuses as a consequence of the economic and financial Crisis.

Note: *the results of the interactive discussions will constitute NGOs contribution to the inter-governmental process through lessons learned to stimulate implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.*

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